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**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

TIMES OF HOLY MASSES & OTHER SERVICES		
09/12/23: SAT HAVERFORDWEST	6:00PM	<b>HOLY MASS: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>INT: VESTA EILEEN CHAPMAN – RIP - ANNIVERSARY</i>
10/12/23: SUN HAVERFORDWEST	10:00AM	<b>HOLY MASS: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>INT: BRYN HANCOCK – RIP (CE)</i>
10/12/23: SUN NARBERTH	12:00PM	<b>HOLY MASS: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>INT: PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH &amp; MOTHERS</i>
11/12/23: MON HAVERFORDWEST	9:30AM	<b>HOLY MASS: ST DAMASUS I, POPE</b> <i>INT: REV. OWEN McGREAL – RIP (AH)</i>
12/12/23: TUE HAVERFORDWEST	9:30AM	<b>HOLY MASS: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b> <i>INT: NO GIVEN INTENTION</i>
13/12/23: WED HAVERFORDWEST	9:30AM	<b>HOLY MASS: ST LUCY, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYR</b> <i>INT: REV. OWEN McGREAL – RIP (CM)</i>
13/12/23: WED NARBERTH	4:30PM 5:30PM	<b>ROSARY (4:30PM) &amp; BENEDICTION (5:00PM)</b> <b>HOLY MASS: ST LUCY, VIRGIN &amp; MARTYR</b> <i>INT: STEPHANIE ANNE MANSFIELD – RIP – ANNRY.</i>
14/12/23: THU	<b>NO HOLY MASS TODAY</b>	
15/12/23: FRI HAVERFORDWEST	5:00PM 6:30PM	<b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b> <b>HOLY MASS</b> <i>INT: THANKSGIVING INTS. &amp; GOOD HEALTH (AH)</i>
16/12/23: SAT HAVERFORDWEST	10:00AM 10:30AM	<b>HOLY MASS: WEEKDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>ADORATION &amp; CONFESSIONS</b> <i>INT: BRYN HANCOCK – RIP (MD)</i>
16/12/23: SAT HAVERFORDWEST	6:00PM	<b>HOLY MASS: 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)</b> <i>INT: PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH &amp; MOTHERS</i>
17/12/23: SUN HAVERFORDWEST	10:00AM	<b>HOLY MASS: 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)</b> <i>INT: ELVIRA MARIA SARRA – RIP - BIRTHDAY</i>
17/12/23: SUN NARBERTH	12:00PM	<b>HOLY MASS: 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)</b> <i>INT: INNACIO &amp; CRISTALINA PINTO &amp; FAMILY - RIP</i>



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**  
**GWEDDI DROS Y CLEIFION**  
POPE FRANCIS  
BARBARA B. TRAVERT MARIE  
CLARE HUGHES

**God**  
Answers Prayers

**CONFESSIONS CYFFES**  
**HAVERFORDWEST**  
FRI: 5:00 – 6:00pm  
SAT: 10:30 – 11:00am  
SAT: 5:15 – 5:45pm  
SUN: 9:15 – 9:45am  
**NARBERTH**  
WED: 5:00 – 5:20pm

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER – DURING ADVENT & CHRISTMASTIDE...**

WE ARE CALLED UPON TO PRAY FOR: MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, AND FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS.

**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER...**

THAT PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES MAY BE AT THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION IN SOCIETY, AND THAT INSTITUTIONS MAY OFFER INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS WHICH VALUE THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

**REMEMBERING OUR DEAD & ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER:** Let us remember those souls who have no one to remember them in prayers! Amy Moore (1997), Thomas May (1999), Elizabeth O'Sullivan (2002), Patrick Mahoney (2002), John Concannon (2003), Anne Byrne (2006), Anne Johnson (2006), Daniel Sweeney (2006), May Sullivan (2007), William Rowe (2007), Ambrose Charles Roche (2008), Mary Catherin Absalom (2009), Mary McManus (2009), Lillian Gwendoline Skipp (2009), William Henry Fennell (2010), Mary Teresa Raymond (2011), Henry 'William' Phillips (2011), John Feehan (2012), Jean Marr Goodeve (2014), Teresa Jeffrey (2017), Veronica Joan Adams (2017), Maria Livia Wiseman (2018), Wilfred George Hart (2018), James Alexander Doyle (2018), Joseph Brian Bell (2018), Melveana Pearl Herde (2018), David John Evans (2019), Vesta Eileen Chapman (2020), Beverley Anne Mitchell (2020), Stephanie Ann Mansfield (2021), Margaret Bernadette Feehan (2021) John Robert James "Jackie" Higgins (2022)...

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE...!**

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE:** Tree tags and cards will be on sale in the porches. They are still only £1 each. The sale of these tags will support church-based charities. Write the name of your chosen person on the tag and hang it on the tree. You can send the card to that person or to their family if the person is deceased.

<b>READINGS: SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11	Psalm: 84: 9-14
<b>RESPONSE: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14	Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8



**"Let us not forget: God chooses some to love all. This horizon of universality. The Gospel is not only for me, it is for everyone; let us not forget this.... It is also to prevent the temptation of identifying Christianity with a culture, with an ethnicity, with a system. In this way, though, it loses its truly Catholic nature, or rather for everyone, universal: it is not a little group of first-class, chosen people." Pope Francis**



**CHRISTMAS CARDS & CRIBS:** We have stocks of Christmas cards and cribs along with other religious gifts for the occasion, in the repository. Kindly visit our repository after Holy Mass any day. Thank you...!

**SVP: SUDAN APPEAL RAFFLE:** The SVP is requesting your generous gesture with raffle prizes towards their Sudan Appeal.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** We shall hold a Retiring Collection each on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> weekend, towards Christmas Flowers. Kindly use the Parish GAD envelopes to Gift Aid your generous contribution.

**REV. OWEN MCGREAL - FUNERAL DETAILS** Funeral Arrangements for the Repose of the Soul of Fr Owen McGreal (3rd July 1935 – 28th November 2023). They will take place at The Catholic Church of Holyrood and St Teilo, Tenby. **Reception of the Body on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**, Vespers of the Dead at 7:00pm, followed by a full night vigil of prayer, organised by the faithful of the parish. **Funeral Mass on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am celebrated by Archbishop Mark O'Toole.** Fr Owen's remains will then be transported to Westport, Co Mayo.

**MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL: A GATHERING TO REMEMBER REV. OWEN MCGREAL:** On Thursday 21st Dec. at 3.30pm, the school is holding a gathering to remember and celebrate the life of Fr Owen McGreal. All members of the school community are invited to attend – present and past pupils, families and staff, parishioners, along with members of the wider community. Please feel free to share this invitation with those who will have known or been impacted by the love and work of Fr McGreal. We have taken great comfort in sharing our fond memories of Fr McGreal since his passing, which we hope to share at the gathering on a large screen. If you have any pictures or memories that you would be happy to share, please send them to [admin.maryimmaculate@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:admin.maryimmaculate@pembrokeshire.gov.uk) so that they can be included at the gathering. In order for text to be easily read from the screen, please limit text to 150 words. Please feel free to send as many memories as you wish.

**FIRST WORLD DAY FOR CHILDREN:** Pope Francis announces a World Day of Children, in the wake of World Youth Day, will be held in Rome on 25-26 May 2024. He made the announcement, "with joy", at the Angelus on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The initiative responds to the question, "What kind of world do we want to leave to the children who are growing up now?" "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them". The event, which will see thousands of boys and girls from all over the world flock to Rome, is sponsored by the Dicastery for Culture and Education. The Dicastery had already offered its patronage in November, at the "Let's Learn from Boys and Girls" event that saw Pope Francis surrounded by some 7,500 children from around the world in the Paul VI Hall. A great meeting of music and testimony, the event can be seen as a prelude to 2024's World Day of Children. The idea of a Day entirely dedicated to the youngest among us had been proposed to the Pope in July by a child, 9-year-old Alessandro, on the occasion of the Popecast, the second podcast made by Vatican Media with Pope Francis in view of the WYD in Lisbon. After listening to the voice message, the pope said, "I like it very much! We can have it organized by the grandparents. A beautiful idea. I will think about it and see how to do it."

**PLANNED GIVING & GIFT-AID SCHEME:** Thank you all, for choosing the Planned Giving Scheme for Sunday collection. Those who are new to it, it is a scheme, to sign up for a regular giving to church, either by weekly envelopes or standing order. As a tax-payer, if you Gift-Aid your donation, for every pound you contribute an additional 25 pence can be claimed from HMRC. Therefore, if you haven't done it already and those who are new to the parish, please consider signing up for this. For further info & a form, do talk to Fr. Paul or Sharon Farren.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CATECHISTS:** We will begin our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the new year. The celebration will be in June, 2024. A reshuffle of Catechists will take place, to also absorb new volunteers for this great service. Parents of the children from non-Catholic Schools, who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion, kindly talk to Fr. Paul after one of the Holy Masses.

**ADVENT YOUTH DAY RECOLLECTION:** The Youth Council of Menevia & Cardiff is organising an Advent Day of Recollection for Youth on Saturday 16th December at the Stella Maris Convent, Swansea. Fr Matt Roche-Saunders will lead the retreat, and Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass on the day.

**PARISH RENEWAL PRAYER GROUPS: 1 THES. 5:5-8:** Thank you to the two groups already functioning with prayers and time together. Think of more please. This is an invitation for each of you and all of you, to consider forming a Prayer Group or being part of one. You may choose the time to meet at your convenience, in the home of any of the group members. If you think of spending time with the Blessed Sacrament, I will be privileged to bring Jesus to your gathering/s. I am convinced that you will give it a serious thought. God bless your initiative...!

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS: NARBERTH 18.12.2023: MONDAY: 4.30PM**

**REV. MANSEL USHER, TENBY PARISH**

**HAVERFORDWEST: 18.12.2023: MONDAY: 6.00PM – 7.30PM**

**REV. MANSEL USHER, TENBY PARISH &**

**REV. CANON PIUS AUGUSTINE, CARDIGAN PARISH**

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY:** SAFETY & SAFEGUARDING of all who visit our church, both parishioners & visitors, are important to us. If you have concerns about any safeguarding issues, kindly contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative, Mrs. Anne Barnes on 01437765365. More information about our Safeguarding Policy is found here: <http://www.menevia.org/safeguarding/>